

# National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board

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## **DRAFT AGENDA FALL 2011 – BOARD MEETING**

Monday, November 7, 2011 to Wednesday, November 9, 2011

**Meeting Location:** Mandarin Oriental, 1330 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20024

*(All NAREEE Advisory Board Members are welcome. All meetings are open to the public.)*

**Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

***Oriental Ballroom C***

### ***New Member Orientation***

- 1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.      **Welcome and Introduction of New Members and Other Attendees**  
Jean-Mari Peltier, *NAREEE Chair*
- 1:10 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.      **Opening Remarks**  
Dr. Catherine Woteki, *Under Secretary for USDA REE / USDA Chief Scientist*
- 1:25 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.      **Questions and Discussions**

### **PART I:      Core Operations of the USDA – Research, Education, and Economics**

- 1:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.      **Agricultural Research Service (ARS)**  
Dr. Edward Knipping, *ARS Administrator*
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.      **Questions and Discussions**
- 2:20 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.      **National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)**  
Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young, *NIFA Acting Director*
- 2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.      **Questions and Discussions**
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.      **Economic Research Service (ERS)**  
Dr. Mary Bohman, *ERS Acting Administrator*
- 3:50 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.      **Questions and Discussions**
- 4:10 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.      **National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)**  
Dr. Cynthia Clark, *NASS Administrator*
- 4:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.      **Questions and Discussions**

**PART II: Update on the Activities of the National Agricultural Library**

- 4:50 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. **National Agricultural Library**  
Dr. Simon Liu, *Director, National Agricultural Library*
- 5:10 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Questions and Discussions**
- 5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. **Public Comments**
- 5:45 pm **Meeting Adjourned for the Day**

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

***Oriental Ballroom C***

***Full Board Meeting***

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Buffet Breakfast** (*For members, speakers, and panelists*)
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**  
Jean-Mari Peltier, *NAREEE Chair*
- 8:05 am – 9:00 a.m. **Board Business**
- Brief Member Introductions
  - Approval of March 2011 NAREEE Meeting Minutes, and Review of NAREEE Committee Meeting minutes
  - Approval of November 8-9, 2011 Meeting Agenda
  - Overview of Procedures for the Election of the NAREEE Chair, Vice-Chair, and Executive Committee Members
  - Committee Reports:
    - Renewable Energy Committee – *Carol Keiser-Long*
    - Specialty Crops Committee – *Dr. Walter Armbruster*
    - Competitive Grants Sub-Committee – *Dr. June Henton*
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**  
The Honorable Tom Vilsack, *Secretary of Agriculture*

**PART I: A Discussion on the Impact of NASS reports on Grain Market Volatility**

- 9:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m. **Topic Introduction**  
Terry Wolf, *Owner, Wolf Farms & Wolf Grain Systems Inc.*
- 9:35 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. **Introduction to NASS Commodity Reports**  
Joseph J. Prusacki, *Director, NASS-Statistics Division*
- Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics Perspective**  
Doris E. Mold, *Chair, ACAS*
- 9:55 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Questions and Discussions**
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. **Panel 1**

Mike Mock, *Senior Risk Management Consultant, The Andersons Inc.*

Dave Lyons, *Vice President for Government Relations, Louis Dreyfus Corp.*

11:05 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.      **Questions and Discussions**

11:25 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.      **Panel 2**  
Dr. Harry Vroomen, *Vice President – Economic Services, The Fertilizer Institute*

Marv Wilson, *Ag Biotech Operations Director, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.*

11:45 a.m. – 12:05 a.m.      **Questions and Discussions**

12:05 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.      **Lunch Buffet** (*For members, speakers, and panelists*)

**PART II:      REE Components of the Farm Bill, and the Strategic Approach of the USDA to the Farm Bill**

1:00 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.      **Topic Introduction**  
Jean Mari Peltier, *NAREEE Chair*

1:05 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.      **Panel 1: Congressional Perspectives**  
Dr. John Goldberg, *Senior Professional Staff, U.S. House of Representatives – Committee on Agriculture*

Karla Thieman, *Professional Staff, U.S. Senate – Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (Tentative)*

1:25 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.      **Questions and Discussions**

1:45 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.      **Panel 2: USDA and APLU Perspectives**  
Krysta Harden, *Chief of Staff, USDA (Tentative)*

Vernie Hubert, *Cornerstone Government Affairs / APLU*

2:05 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.      **Questions and Discussions**

2:25 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.      **Panel 3: Related Stakeholder Perspectives**  
Scott Faber, *Vice President for Federal Affairs, Grocery Manufacturers Association*

Jim Wiesemeyer, *Washington Consultant, Pro Farmer*

2:45 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.      **Questions and Discussions**

3:05 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      **Break**

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.      **Board Discussion**

- Discuss Presentations and Begin to Identify Board Recommendations

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.           **Public Comments**

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.           **Break**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.           **Evening Reception Begins:** Light Hors d'oeuvre   **Garden I**  
*(For members, speakers, and panelists)*

**Board Business**

- Nominations for the NAREEE Chair, and Vice-Chair
- Election of the NAREEE Chair and Vice-Chair
- Nominations for the Executive Committee
- Election of the Executive Committee

8:00 p.m.                           **Meeting Adjourned for Day**

**Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

***Oriental Ballroom C***

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.           **Buffet Breakfast** *(For members, speakers, and panelists)*

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.           **Board Business**

- Continue Discussion from the November 8, 2011 Meeting: REE Components of the Farm Bill, and a Discussion on the Impact of NASS Reports on Grain Market Volatility

9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.           **Update from the USDA Office of the Chief Scientist**  
 Dr. Jill Auburn, *Acting Director, Office of the Chief Scientist*

9:20 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.           **Questions and Discussion**

9:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.       **Closing Remarks**  
 Dr. Ann Bartuska, *Deputy Under Secretary for USDA REE*

10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.       **Questions and Discussion**

10:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.       **Break**

10:50 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.       **Board Business**

- Committee Assignments
- Assignment of Working Group for November 7-9, 2011 Meeting Report
- Review of NAREEE Agenda for FY 2012:
  - NAREEE Spring 2012 Meeting Planning
    - Program Discussion
    - Identification of Working Group
- Other Business

11:40 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.       **Travel Reimbursement Procedures**  
 Shirley Morgan-Jordan, *Program Support Coordinator*

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      **Public Comments**

12:00 p.m.                      **Meeting Adjourns**